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SUBJECT: W/W RAYMOND TRADE KARAM

REF: (A) STATE 188743, (B) STATE 189686 (C) AMMAN

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ATTN: SCS

- 1. MR. KARAM WAS GIVEN \$150 FROM A LOCAL AMERICAN CHARITY FUND TO FINANCE HIS ONWARD TRAVEL TO KARACHI.
- 2. WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN BY KARAM COVERING THE PRIVACY ACT. A LETTER WAS SENT TO FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TEMPE, ARIZONA, REQUSTING THAT \$600 BE CABLED TO AMMAN THROUGH THE STATE DEPT. OF THIS \$185 WILL BE RETAINED IN AMMAN AS KARAM WAS LENT THIS AMOUNT AND THE BALANCE FORWARDED TO KARACHI.
- 3. IN KEEPING WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF STATE 189686 WE HAVE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.
- A. IF AN AM/CIT IS WITHOUT FUNDS, RELATIVES, OR FRIENDS CAPABLE OF ASSISTING HIM, CAN HE BERPATRIATED IF HE REFUSES LEGAL, GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OR HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE? UNCLASSIFIED

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B. THE WORDING OF STATE 188743 IMPLIES THAT KARAM HAS FUNDS IN THE BANK (AS A RESULT CONFOFF BORROWED MONEY FOR WHICH HE IS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE). WOULD PRIVACY ACT ALLOW FIRST NATIONAL BANK TO STATE (A) THAT KARAM HAS NO ACCOUNT OR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO TRANSFER THE AMOUNT REQUESTED BY STATE DEPARTMENT'S PHONE CALL AT TIME OF CALL.

C. CAN SUBSISTENCE FUNDS BE GIVEN BY THE EMBASSY WITHOUT A REPATRIATION APPLICATION? MR. KARAM CONTENDED THAT DESPITE THE GOOD INTENTION OF THE PREVIOUS CON OFFICER IT WAS HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND SIGNED LETTER TO BANK AND HE WAS BEING INCONVENINCED BY NOT BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE ONWARD. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT REIMBURSE EMBASSY OR THE LOCAL CHARITY ORGANIZATION FOR THEDAYS HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AS HE WAS NOT AT FAULT. IF HE IS NOT AT FAULT THEN WHO MUST ASSUME FINANCIAL LIBLITY AND FROM WHAT ADMINISTATIVE SOURCE?

D. JORDAN AS STATED IN AMMAN'S ANNUAL CONSULAR REPORT IS EXPANDING AND WITHIT AN INCREASE IN PROTECTION AND WELFARE CASES THAT HAVE EMBARRASSING POTENTIALS. IN THIS LIGHT THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE IS SOUGHT.

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